been suppressed, In fact some of the recommendations have already been implemented.

Measures to Curb the diseases of Heart, Brain and Respiratory System

439. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that diseases pertaining to brain, heart and respiratory systems are increasing day by day in the country; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that eminent neurologists from Europe, Germany and other parts of the world met recently in India to discuss latest developments in these fields;

(c) if so, the finding thereof and the recommendations made in this regard; and

(d) what concrete measures his ministry propose to take to tackle such disease in our country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Aids free Blood

440. SHRI R. GANESAN *alias* MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to see that blood banks throughout the country do sell only AIDS free blood;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines to hospitals have so far been issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN): (a) to (d) The Government is establishing HIV/AIDS testing facilities in major cities, States/UTs Capitals on a Zonal basis where blood banks are being linked to Zonal blood testing centres. At present, HIV testing facilities are available in 43 cities.

Testing of blood under the zonal blood testing programme is being extended to cities with population of 5 lakhs and above in a phased manner.

The Government in collaboration with World Health Organisation has prepared a medium term plan for 3 years (1990-92) for prevention and control of AIDS in India. In this medium term plan there is a provision to establishing Zonal blood testing facilities in all cities with a population exceeding 5 lakhs.

Under the Zonal Blood Testing Programme for HIV, a group of blood banks have been linked to a zonal centre to which blood bank would send blood samples collected for HIV testing. The Zonal Centres would inform the blood bank the same day the result of the tests done and the blood bank is required to discard the infected blood. Blood Banks would destroy sero-positive blood by heat treatment/incineration.

Price Control on Formulations

441. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Economic Times, Bombay on 12th October, 1990 under the heading of "some Key formulations to come under price control";

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has written to work out the prices of combinations of drugs irrespective of major or minor ingredients of price controlled drugs to BICP;

(c) if so, when were such instructions sent and what action has been taken by BICP;

(d) what are the names of combinations for which prices have been worked out and fixed by his Ministry; and

(e) what was the earlier price of each and what is the price fixed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (e) Government has issued clarifications to Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices stating that any combination formulation containing any price controlled drug will be under price control. After the promulgation of 1987 DPCO, guidelines were issued wherein it was stated that any combination formulation containing a non-scheduled rugd as a major ingredient will be outside price control provided Drug Controller (India) certifies that non-scheduled bulk drug is major ingredient in that combination. Since Drug Controller (India) did not give any such certificate in respect of any of the combination formulations, all formulations containing scheduled drugs were considered as price controlled, and all the prices recommended by BICP after the promulgation of DPCO 1987 were based on this principle.

Provision of Staff Council in the Scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

442. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a staff Council is provided in the scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, what are the details of the provisions and procedure that govern its formation;

(c) whether there is any deadlock on the issue of formation of the Staff Council; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery and its constitution that govern its procedure are at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 19-A]

(c) and (d) There is no deadlock on the issue of formulation of the Joint Consultative Machinery. However, there is lack of agreement regarding the number of representatives of different associations. There has been no recent charge in this position.

Setting up of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country

443. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are districts chosen to set up Navodaya Vidyalayas under the New Education Policy and at how many places the Vidyalayas have been set up;

(b) what is the number of students and teachers in each of these schools; and

(c) what is Government's policy regarding setting up of Navodaya Vidyayalas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c) The Scheme of